the normal entitlement of 60%, to sugar mills for the production to be achieved during the period 1-5-1994 to 31-7-1994.

(iv) Incentives have also been announced in the form of higher free sale quota at 100%, as against the normal entitlement of 60% to sugar mills for the additional/incremental production to be achieved during the period 1-8-1994 to 30-9-1994 over the corresponding period of last season.

(v) Finance Ministry/Reserve Bank of India have been requested to provide need based credit to the sugar industry during 1993-94 season.

(vi) State Government have been requested to ensure prompt clearance of cane price dues to the farmers by the sugar factories.

(vii) The loan component for grant of Sugar Development Fund assistances for KT Weirs and Lift irrigation schemes has been enhanced from 66.6% to 90% of the project cost.

(viii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane for 1993-94 season has been announced at Rs. 34.50 per quintal linked to a basis recovery of 8.5%, as against Rs. 31/- per quintal for 1992-93 season. An advance announcement of SMP for 1994-95 season has also been made at Rs. 37/- per quintal linked to a basis recovery of 8.5%.

(ix) The incentive scheme for new sugar factories expansion projects has been suitably revised.

(x) State Governments have been requested to consider various measures to contain diversion of cane to Gur and Khandasari Units.

(xi) Government have granted letters of intent/licences for establishment of 74 new sugar factories and for expansion in 17 existing sugar factories involving an annual sugar production capacity of 30.33 lakh tonnes.

State contribution to the Central Pool for Buffer Stock

572. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the States contribute to the Central pool for building buffer stocks of rice, wheat, sugar and other essentials commodities;

(b) what was the contribution of these States during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto June, 1994;

(c) the names of the items contributed by the State of Gujarat to the Central pool in these years; and

(d) whether it is mandatory or obligatory for the States to contribute the surplus grains in the Central pool ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (d) Wheat, paddy and coarse-grains are procured by Food Corporation of India in collaboration with State Governments and their procuring agencies for Central pool under price support scheme, which is totally voluntary. As regards levy rice, it is collected under a statutory levy imposed on rice millers/traders.

Levy sugar is procured by the Government at a specified percentage of the total production of each sugar factory (except such factories covered under the various incentive schemes) for distribution through the PDS.

(b) and (c) A statement giving requisite information is attached. (*See* below). Gujarat does not contribute rice to Central Pool.

Statement

Statewise quantities of wheat and rice (including paddy in terms of rice) procured for central pool during rabi/kharif marketing seasons 1992-93 and 1993-94 and during current 1994-95 rabi marketing season

(In '000 tonnes)

State	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice (upto June, 94)	Wheat (upto June, 94)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Andhra Pradesh	..	3296	..	3859	..
Arunachal Pradesh	..	Neg.	..	..	..
Assam	..	9	..	5	..
Bihar	..	..	..	3	Neg
Gujarat	..	..	Neg	..	..
Haryana	1372	909	3454	1242	3043
Himachal Pradesh	..	..	1	..	Neg
Karnataka	..	116	..	133	..
Madhya Pradesh	Neg	689	242	797	62
Maharashtra	..	79	..	83	..
Orissa	..	380	..	374	..
Punjab	4489	4905	6494	5484	7264
Rajasthan	22	22	496	21	63
Uttar Pradesh	497	1186	2128	1295	1406
West Bengal	..	170	..	151	..
Chandigarh	..	39	Neg	25	..
Delhi	..	5	23	5	..
Pondicherry	..	6	..	2	..
TOTAL:	6380	11793	12835	13480	11837

Neg: Below 500 tonnes.

figures are provisional.